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TO: IMMEDIATE WHITE HOUSE//SITUATION ROOM FOR MR FAZIO,

STATE RCI//OPERATIONS CENTER MR FRY, NRCC//ATTENTION

CIA REP, TREASURY DEPT//INFO FOR [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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DATE: 27 DECEMBER 1979

SUBJECT: ETHIOPIA--ASHARA SECURITY SITUATION REPORTED WORSE

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THE ARMY IS SAID TO BE FACING A DETERIORATING SECURITY SITUATION IN THE ERITREAN CAPITAL OF ASMARA. ON SUNDAY NIGHT SEVEN PEOPLE WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED AND ABOUT 30 INJURED IN ASMARA IN BOMB ATTACKS BY GUERRILLAS OF THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT AND BY HARSH ARMY COUNTERMEASURES. EACH NIGHT SINCE THEN CIVILIANS HAVE BEEN FOUND ON THE STREETS STRANGLED.

THESE MURDERS APPEAR TO BE THE WORK OF ARMY PERSONNEL TRAINED IN COUNTERINSURGENCY AND DETERMINED TO DETER THE PUBLIC FROM SUPPORTING THE ELF. THEY MAY, HOWEVER, HAVE BEEN DONE BY MEMBERS

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THE ELF THEMSELVES TO SETTLE FACTIONAL DIFFERENCES OR TO INCREASE THE PUBLIC'S ANGER AT THE ARMY.

WHATEVER THE CASE, PROSPECTS FOR MORE VIOLENCE HAVE INCREASED. THE ARMY, DESPITE RECENT REINFORCEMENTS, HAS LITTLE CHANCE OF DEFEATING THE GUERRILLAS, WHO ARE LIKELY TO CONTINUE THEIR HIT-AND-RUN ATTACKS, THE MOST RECENT OF WHICH WAS A LARGE RAID LAST NIGHT ON AN ARMY CAMP SIX MILES WEST OF ASHARA. THE ANEPICANS--WHO IN THE PROVINCE--HAVENOT BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR ATTACK. (E-2 IMPDET.)

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